GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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PROMOTION OF FPI
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to promote the food processing industries for the development of Northern and North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the measures being taken for the development of industries in this region;

(d) the details of schemes for Bihar and Jharkhand and the different shapes in which each of them is being implemented by the Government; and

(e) the details of schemes related to Food Processing Industries (FPI), State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (e): Several Plan Schemes have been implemented by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for promotion of food processing sector in the States including Bihar, Jharkhand and North Eastern States. Under these schemes, financial assistance is provided for establishment and modernization of food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support for R&D, human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries. These schemes are project- specific not State, area or sector specific. However, North Eastern Region is treated as difficult areas and therefore rate of assistance extended for the FPI projects/units is 33.33% of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakh as against 25% of the project cost subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lakh in general areas. Assistance at higher rate i.e. up to 50% of the capital cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore is provided to the units engaged in processing of horticulture produce under the scheme of Mini Mission − IV which is applicable to North Eastern States, J & K, H.P. & Uttranchal.